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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (அ) There is no proposal for construction of an anicut across Chinnar but there is a proposal to restore the dilapidated anicut at the head of the supply channel from Chinnar river leading to the Vadakkalur Agraharam Eri.

(இ) The scheme is under investigation by the Executive Engineer, Special Minor Irrigation Programme Division, Tiruchirappalli; hence detailed information is not available at present.

SRI S. RAMALINGA PADAYACHI : இதில் ஏற்படுகின்ற காலதாமதத்தை நீக்கி உடனடியாக வேலையை ஆரம்பிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முயற்சி எடுத்துக் கொள்ளுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இதைப்பற்றி நன்கு பரிசிலனை செய்துதான் முடிவுக்கு வர வேண்டும். தவிர்க்க முடியாத சில காலதாமதங்கள் ஏற்படலாம். இருந்தாலும் சிக்கிரத்தில் இது எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்படும்.

Pablo boats

* 1235 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM, and SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have established any maintenance centres for repairing pablo boats in different fishing districts including Ramanathapuram district;

(*b*) the types of engines fixed to these boats;

(*c*) whether spare parts are readily available for these engines from the firm from which they are purchased; and

(*d*) whether any repairs to these engines are attended to as and when required?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) No, Sir. The question of providing suitable facilities for repairing Pablo boats is under consideration.

(*b*) Bukh (10 to 20 h.p.), Petter (10 to 20 h.p.) and Coventry-Victor (10 h.p.) marine diesel engines are fixed in the Pablo boats.

(*c*) The spare parts are not readily available.

(*d*) Repairs to the engines are attended to when required by the hirers of the Pablo boats under the advice of the departmental mechanics stationed at Madras, Cuddalore, Colachel and the Inshore Fishing Station at Rameswaram.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, did the Government receive any representation from these Pablo boat owners that once the machines went out of order, they could not be easily repaired for want of either service stations or spare parts, which are not readily available from this particular company from which these machines were purchased?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Representations were made and considering all of them and in order to overcome this difficulty, a condition is now being included in the Tender notice to the effect that the suppliers should supply the spare parts required for two years.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : ஸ்பேர் பார்ட்ஸ் இல்லாத காரணத்தால் தற்போது எத்தனை படகுகள் வேலை செய்ய முடியாத நிலையிலிருக்கின்றன ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : தற்போது வேலை செய்யமுடியாத நிலைமையில் ஒன்றும் இல்லை.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, what is the percentage of aid given by the Union Government for the construction of Pablo boats?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The State Government is giving 25 per cent of the cost of hull plus 50 per cent of the cost of engines as subsidy, and in that, half is provided by the Central Government.

Kommedu-Jayankondan Road

*1236 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred for metalling the road between Kommedu and Jayankondan-Cholapuram in Jayankondan panchayat area in Udaiyarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) the reason for the delay in check-measuring the work?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Rs. 1,306·50 nP.

(*b*) The work was measured only on 4th January 1961 and was not check-measured till 28th January 1961. There was no avoidable delay in check-measuring the work.

Highways Roads (Kanyakumari district)

* 1237 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR (on behalf of SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state the number of roads in the High Ranges of Kanyakumari district for the maintenance of which 50 per cent contributions are demanded by the Highways department?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Fifty per cent contributions have been demanded by the Madras Highways Department towards the cost of maintenance of the Vailamullay Estate road and the Woodlands Estate road with reference to the orders of the erstwhile Travancore-Cochin Government.